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#### NOTE

##### NEW SYNONYMY IN *NERTHRA* SAY (HEMIPTERA: GELASTOCORIDAE)

Two specimens of predaceous bugs of the family Gelastocoridae intercepted in Miami, Florida in an air shipment of ferns from Colombia on 22 August 1975 by F. Matthews confirm a suspected synonymy (Todd. 1955. *Univ. Kans. Sci. Bull.* 37(1), no. 11, p. 389). The specimens, a male and a female, represent respectively *Nerthra ater* (Melin, 1929) and *Nerthra rudis* (Melin, 1929) described in *Zoologiska Bidrag Fran Uppsala*, Band 12, p. 185 and p. 182. In 1955 I suggested that if the two names did apply to the two sexes of one species, *Nerthra ater* (Melin, 1929) would fall as the junior synonym. This comment was based on the concept of page priority current at that time. Since the shape of the male paramere is a better recognition character than the overlapped basal part of the right ovipositor lobe of the female, I place *Nerthra rudis* (Melin, 1929) as the junior synonym of *Nerthra ater* (Melin, 1929) [New synonymy].

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